

Present Continuous

They're having a party next door.

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Oh no! The baby's crying.

It's raining.

A What are you doing?

B I'm waiting for my brother.

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I'm You're He / She / It's We're They're	I'm not You aren't He / She / It isn't We aren't They aren't	having a party.

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Am I Are you Is he / she / it Are we Are they	having a party?	Yes, I am. you are. he / she / it is. we are. they are.
		No, I'm not. you aren't. he / she / it isn't. we aren't. they aren't.

- We use the present continuous for things that are happening now / at the moment.
- At the moment can mean around now.
I'm reading a good book at the moment.
(= not exactly now)
- We also use the present continuous with longer periods of time, e.g. today, this week, this month. The present continuous emphasizes that the action is temporary, not a habit.
I'm working at home this week because my daughter isn't very well.

infinitive	verb + -ing	spelling
cook, read study, try	cooking, reading studying, trying	+ -ing
dance, live	dancing, living	↔ -ing
shop, swim	shopping, swimming	one vowel + one consonant: double consonant + -ing

a Write a question and an answer.



What's he doing? He's cooking.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

b Put the verbs in brackets in the present continuous.

A Hello Tina. Where are you?

B I'm in Bristol. I'm visiting (visit) my parents.

I ¹ _____ (stay) with them for a week.

² What _____ you _____ (do)?

A I ³ _____ (look for) a job. At the moment

I ⁴ _____ (look) at job adverts online.

B Good luck! ⁵ _____ you still _____ (live) with your parents?

A Yes. But I'm not at home really, I'm usually at my girlfriend's flat.

B ⁶ What _____ she _____ (do) now?

⁷ _____ she still _____ (study) drama?

A No, she ⁸ _____ (work) in a café, but she ⁹ _____ (not enjoy) it much.

She ¹⁰ _____ (look for) a job as an actress.

B Well, maybe we can all have a drink together next week.

A Good idea. On Friday?